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TO AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: BEXP, GB

SUBJECT: TRANSGABON RAILBOARD

REF: (A) LIBREVILLE'S 938; (B) LIBREVILLE'S 940;

(C) LIBREVILLE'S 954

1. STATE AND COMMERCE WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND EMBASSY
ON ALERTNESS IN OBTAINING AND REPORTING KEY
DEVELOPMENTS--ESPECIALLY IN REFS B AND C.

2. HOPE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUCESSFUL IN
MAINTAINING HIGH CREST BONGO EUPHORIA RE HIS U.S.
TRIP (REF A) --PARTICULARLY HIS ENTHUSIASM FOR U.S.
TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT--AS GOG ENCOUNTERS PRESSURES
FROM EUROPEAN COMPETITORS FOR TRANSGABON CONTRACTS
(REF C, PARAGRAPHS 2-5).

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3. MORRISON-KNUDSEN PARIS OFFICE (MCKEE) ADVISED

M-K/WASHINGTON FIRM HAS DECIDED BID SECOND LEG
(BOOUE-FRACEVELLE) AS WELL AS OWENDO-BOOUE SECTION.

4. COMMERCE CONTACTING CHASE MANHATTAN FOR CONFIRMATION
AND SPECIFICS BANK'S REPORTED INVOLVEMENT TRANSGABON
FINANCING (REF C), EMPHASIZING STRONG USG INTEREST IN
HAVING U.S. FIRMS WIN ENGINEERING, CONSTRUCTION,
EQUIPMENT CONTRACTS.

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